



# Annual Report 2022

## Mama Mayila's Message

I was happy to see such progress on the build of our new interim care centre back in July and even happier when the children were able to move in in time for the start of their new school year at their new schools and spend their first christmas in their new, permanent home.

Funding was tight during 2022 with a reduced child sponsor base, as the last of our legacy adoptions concluded, increasing construction costs at the beginning of the year and significant inflation towards the end of the year all of which impacted our programmes as well as the timescale for completion of the new build. But in spite of the headwinds felt the world over, we were still able to support the children in our Moa Wharf kinship foster care programme and children in three other orphanages.

I was proud of our new two-year service level agreement with the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs and Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, developed under their rigorous new outcome based framework and I look forward to delivering our shared objectives.

On a personal note it was sad to see Miss Mya leave us but glad to know she's with a truly loving family but even sadder still August passed away just after the move.

The successful delivery of baby clothes to newborns with our partners Heart for Humanity sparked an interesting idea for next year. All things considered, I hope that we're set fair for an improved 2023, welcoming new children to our new home and earning our place in the heart of our new community.

*Mayila*







## New Clothes for Newborns

Mya, Sophie, Sierra and Alex help distribute baby clothes and medical kit donated by Heart 4 Humanity to mums at Kingharman Road and Blessed Mokaba maternity hospitals, which were well received as we learnt of some of the challenges women and clinicians face.





## Mama Mayila's Cradle

The children continue to enjoy beach trips and outings but their big news is the move to their new permanent home in September in time for the start of the new school year.

Our new home will have 24 permanent bed spaces when fully operational with a further 16 temporary bed spaces available to the Ministry in case of emergencies, such as 2017's tragic mudslide.

Each of the childrens' bedrooms has its own bathroom with WC, double shower and double basins to help keep sexes separate.

And we look forward to welcoming more children to Mama Mayila's Cradle next year!







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Miss Mya, the last of our legacy adoptions, left us for her forever family in the United States. Knox left us after five years in our care, resettled with his grandma. And so sadly, August, our little boy with some very challenging special needs passed away.

Barney, Knox and Leo all sat and passed their BECE after a three week intensive boot-camp run by Rising Academy. And to ensure continuity they'll stay within the Rising Network for their secondary education.

And the children celebrated Christmas in their new permanent home dining alfresco on the balcony on Christmas day!







## **Kinship Foster Care**

More than a ton of rice (1050 kilo) was delivered in 2022 to the 48 vulnerable children supported in our kinship foster care programme, living with biological families after being orphaned by Ebola.

Our programme began at the height of the Ebola pandemic back in 2015 with a resident coordinator to help address issues that arise straightaway.

The programme has successfully reunited more than 30 children orphaned by Ebola with biological families in the rural districts, while eleven children originally from Moa Wharf, were adopted internationally, helping keep a family of four orphaned siblings together, as well as two families of two siblings, two children needing urgent medical care and two children living with disabilities, now receiving life-changing therapies in the United States.





### Supporting Interim Care

We supported children living with disabilities at Mahanaim House four months out of the year, as well as distributing clothing, rice, palm oil and other store cupboard essentials to Initiatives for Women and Girls Empowerment and Network for Children in Need, helping a total of 104 vulnerable children in interim care with 500 kilo of rice.







## A New Home for Mama Mayila's Cradle

From January to March remaining construction of the front section was completed and thick cement lintels - strong enough to take the heavy duty roof - put in place. The children visit often to check on progress and plant fruit and nut trees for their new garden.

But the worldwide rise in the cost of construction materials arising from post-covid supply chain issues and pent-up demand led us to rephrase the project.

The new schedule focused resources on completing the rear two sections of the house with bedrooms, parlor and kitchen so the children could move in over the summer holidays for the new school year, leaving two front apartments and bathrooms remaining for 2024.







While cement gables are built up to support some very heavy joists, the timber for the project arrives in April, commissioned from Hope Sakuma farm - the first trees cut from the land - pre-cut, seasoned and the heavy duty roof panels arrive from the Netherlands.



The roof goes on in good time for the rainy season and by the beginning of May work to the interior began, with electrics, a working bathroom and kitchen installed.





From May through July steps to the entrance are built along with a wrap-around balcony with open views across the ocean and ancient forests. The exterior is rendered in lime plaster to let the clay bricks breathe and windows and doors fixed.

And with the build now weathertight first and second fix electrics and interior plastering take place. Traditional pia salm ceiling panels are commissioned from local Mile Six weaves and the ceiling framework - made from the timber from Sanda - and ceiling panels installed.







## Hope Sakuma Farm

The farm continued to focus on developing rice paddies and the cassava value chain.

### *Rice Value Chain*

The farms' rice paddies produced 1.8 tons of rice from just eleven paddies planted August to October with a mix of three and four month nerica L-19 rice.

A reduction over the previous years as two crucial months, nine paddies and some tools were lost as the former farm coordinator left abruptly and a replacement was sought.

Hope Sakuma were proud to continue support and sponsorship for the Sanda league, also contributing some star footballers to the Sendugu team!





## *Cassava Value Chain*

The Hope Sakuma team worked for a solid three months transporting our portable cassava grater and steel gari pan to neighbouring cassava farms - taking the mighty manioc tubers and peeling, washing, grating, fermenting and pressing, parching to the right consistency and then sieving for quality producing a total of 1.5 tons of gari.

